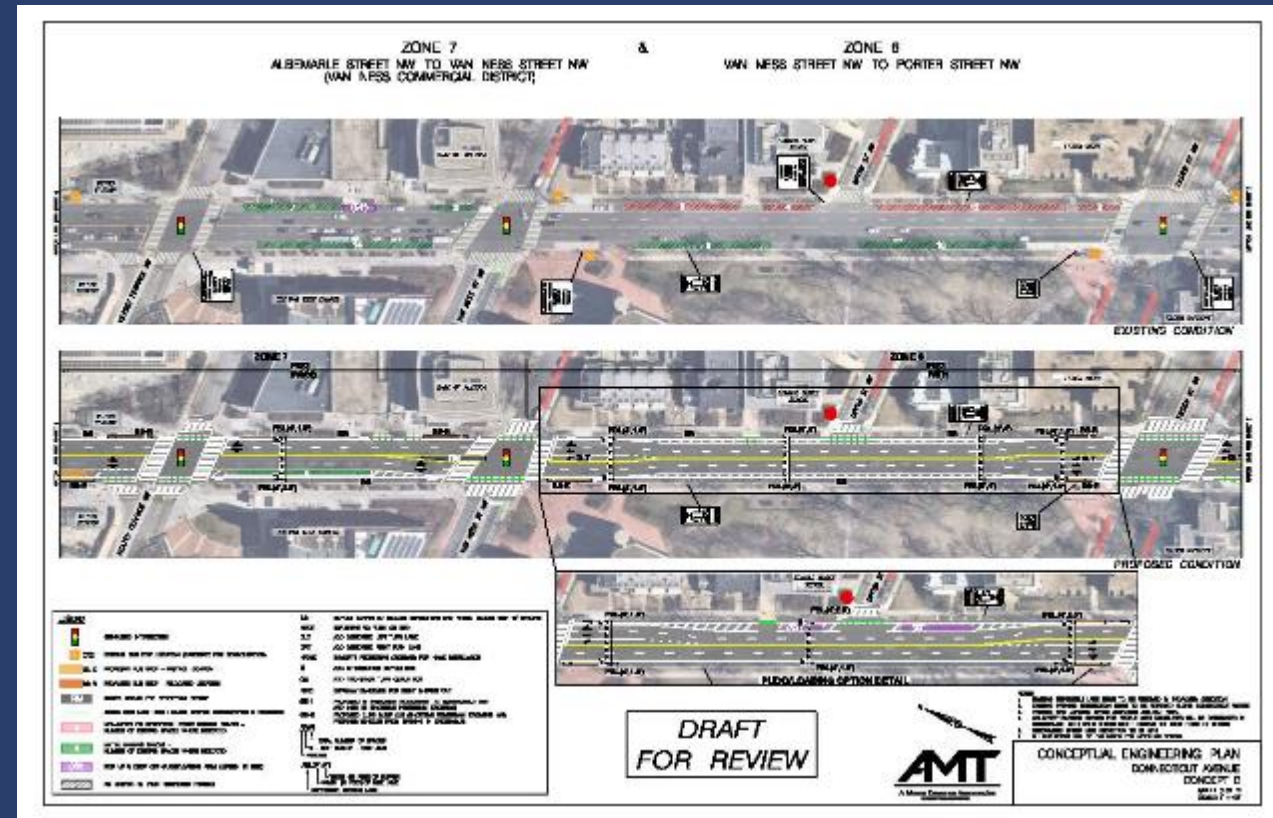




Connecticut Avenue NW Reversible Lanes Removal and Safety Improvements

Community Advisory Committee
(CAC) Meeting No. 6
April 6, 2022



Agenda

1. Preliminaries (5 min)
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Meeting Objectives
 - c. Non-CAC member protocols
2. Project Updates (5 min)
 - a. Tasks, timelines and funding
 - b. NOIs for Speed Limit Reduction
 - c. Removal of reversible lane signs and pavement Markings
3. Concept Design “Walk-Through” (50 min)
4. Comment Period
 - a. Non-CAC Members (10 min)
 - b. CAC Members (15 min)
5. Wrap-Up (5 min)
 - a. Final Thoughts/Action Items
 - b. Thank you and Adjournment!

Introductions: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members

- Chas Cadwell ANC 3G (SMD 3G07)
- Connie Chang ANC 3G (SMD 3G05)
- David Cristeal ANC 3F (SMD 3F01)
- Robert Deyling Chair, ANC 3F Streets and Sidewalks Committee
- Beau Finley ANC 3C (SMD 3C04)
- Eileen McCarthy Pedestrian Advisory Council, Past Chair
- Tom Quinn ANC 3E (SMD 3E04)
- Lee Brian Reba ANC 3C (SMD 3C01) (*Conflict this evening*)
- Josh Rising W3BA
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Meeting Objectives

- To provide project updates
- To “walk-through” the first iteration of the concept design plans for the Connecticut Avenue safety project.
 - Review corridor maps starting at the south terminus of the Corridor (Calvert Street) and proceed north to Legation Street
 - Set in motion a review process.
 - Please note that the first set of plans are a **starting point**.
 - Your feedback (and the feedback of District and external agencies) will help formulate the next iteration of the plans.

Non-CAC Members

- May provide verbal comments at the end of the meeting, time permitting.
- Please use the “**Raise Hand**” function to indicate that you wish to speak during the Non-CAC member comment period.
- Will be muted for the entirety of the meeting, except when called upon to provide comments during the comment session.
- May use the chat box anytime to ask questions or to comment.
- We may not get to everyone to provide verbal comments.
 - Please be assured that all comments and questions will be recorded and entered into the project record.

Project Updates

Mayor Bowser Chooses New Design for Connecticut Avenue NW, Repurposing Reversible Rush-Hour Lanes with New Protected Bike Lanes

Permanent Removal of the Reversible Lane System Increases Roadway Safety for Pedestrians and Advances District's Sustainability Goals

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced the selection of a preferred redesign concept for Connecticut Avenue NW that removes the reversible rush hour lanes and adds one-way, protected bicycle lanes on the east and west sides of the roadway.

“After considering several options, it was clear that this design best meets the needs of our city and moves us closer to a greener DC, a safer DC, and a DC that is less reliant on cars,” said Mayor Bowser. *“We’re going to continue working closely with the community to update our infrastructure so that it is not only safer, but better aligned with the ways people are moving around our city and the future of transportation in DC.”*

The preferred “Concept C” comes out of the Connecticut Avenue Reversible Operations and Safety Study. When the reversible lanes were in operation before the pandemic, 1,500 crashes were reported over a three-year review period. It was estimated that eliminating the reversible lanes would decrease crashes there by about 17 percent. The addition of protected bicycle lanes also helps to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic, reducing crash severity and making the area safer for pedestrians.

Concept C had broad support in the community, with multiple Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) passing resolutions in support of the plan, including [ANC 3C](#), [ANC 3E](#), [ANC 3F](#), and [ANC 3/4G](#).

“Today’s announcement that DDOT will be pursuing a reengineered Connecticut Avenue—including a protected bike lane—is Vision Zero in action,” said Ward 3 Councilmember and Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment Mary Cheh. “This decision marks a critical step in making the corridor a safer place for everyone, but, more importantly, it demonstrates the type of bold infrastructure planning that is needed across the District.”

“After two years of extensive stakeholder engagement and review of design options, we are very pleased in having the Mayor’s support with choosing Concept C,” said Acting DDOT Director Everett Lott. “This choice represents a true compromise in mitigating both the traffic and parking impacts within the corridor.”

The Connecticut Avenue NW Reversible Lane Operations and Safety Study was initiated in December 2019. DDOT held approximately 40 stakeholder and agency meetings as well as an extensive public comment period. The selection of this design supports moveDC sustainability

- Concept C Selected
- Allows DDOT staff
 - To continue planning and concept development activities
 - To begin design procurement
 - To complete environmental documentation
- Mayor requested:
 - DDOT/Office of Racial Equity to conduct an Equity Impact Analysis

Activities to Complete

- **Planning/Conceptual Development Tasks**

- Remove reversible lane infrastructure **(July 22)**
- **NOI due April 7, 2022, to reduce Connecticut Avenue Speed Limit from 30 mph to 25 mph**
- Equity Analysis **(spring 2022)**
- Environmental Documentation **(Oct 22)**
- Traffic and Parking Refinements **(Oct 22)**
- Public Meeting No. 2 **(June 22)**

- CAC Meetings **(as required)**

- Concept Plan Refinement **(Dec 22)**

- Concept Development Report **(Jul 22)**

- Interagency review meetings **(as required)**

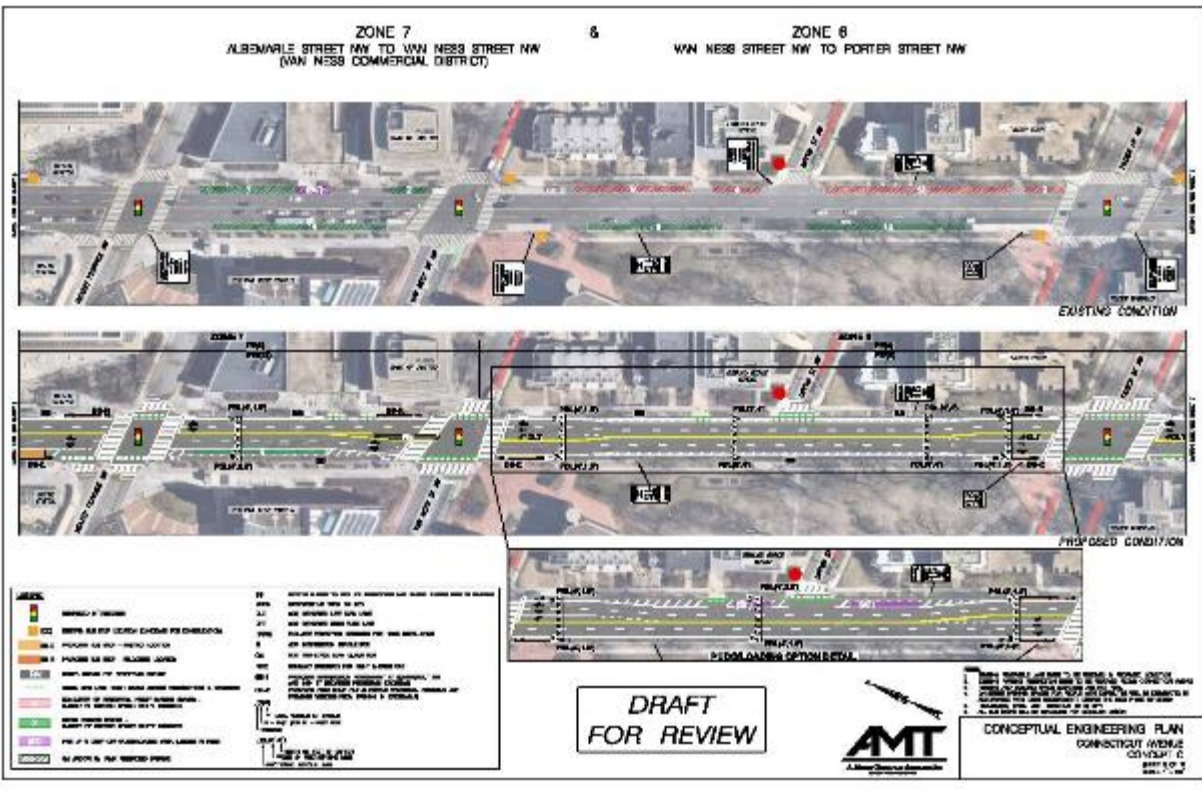
- Public Engagement/Technical work for extending PBLs to Northampton Street **(Dec 22)**

- **Design Procurement (Apr 22-Dec 22)**

- **Construction Procurement (Jun 23-Mar 24)**

- **Construction (Apr 24-May 25)**

Laura Mehiel, AMT Engineering, Concept Design “Walk-Through”



- Plans you see tonight are a starting point.
- We will convene parking/loading mini-Task Forces (e.g., ANC SMDs, CAC, others).
- Input will be included in subsequent drafts.

Comment Period
Non-CAC Members (10 min)
CAC Members (15 min)

Wrap-Up

- **Final Thoughts/Action Items**
- **Thank you and adjournment**

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